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# DX-AS8

## 8" Amplified Compact Enclosure



# USER'S MANUAL



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## Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of a DB Drive™ state-of-the-art amplified compact enclosure. Your selection of a DB Drive™ car audio product indicates a true appreciation of fine musical reproduction. Whether adding to an existing system or including your DB Drive™ amplified compact enclosure in a new system, you are certain to notice immediate performance benefits.

## Product Commitment

DB's engineering professionals harnessed years of expertise, experience and passion, coupled with exhaustive testing and creative design to develop the optimal product and performance for your musical enjoyment. This is our commitment to you. It's what you deserve and have come to expect from DB Drive™. We appreciate the confidence and look forward to your positive experience.

## Keep Your Sales Receipt

Take this time to attach your sales receipt to the manual and put in a safe place. In case of any unforeseen reason this product may need warranty service, your receipt will be necessary to establish purchase date.

## Recommendation

An amplified compact enclosure's performance is only as good as its installation. Proper installation will maximize the system's overall performance. It is recommended that you have our product installed by an authorized DB Drive™ retailer. However, if you decide to install it yourself, please carefully read through this manual and take your time to do a quality installation.

## Optimal Product Choice

To get the maximum performance out of your stereo system, we recommend using 100% authentic DB Drive™ electronics and DB Link™ wiring and accessories. Matching DB Drive™ amplifiers and speakers with your state-of-the-art electronics purchase is critical to optimize your system's performance. Wiring is the lifeblood of a system, make sure your audio system has the adequate current and signal transfer it deserves and needs. DB Link™ has it all, from wiring rolls; speaker power ground, remote to amplifier kits, RCAs, fuse holders, distribution blocks and battery connectors. Insist on getting the best, DB Link™. It's what you deserve to get the optimum performance from your audio System.

## IMPORTANT!

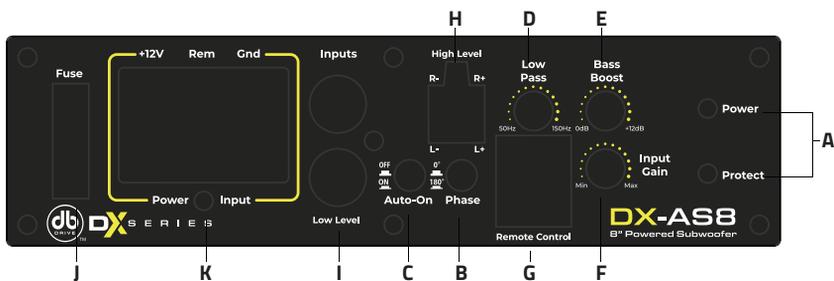
Before making any connections, disconnect the car's battery until the installation is completed to avoid possible damage to the electrical system.

## WARNING!

Exposure to a high power sound system can cause hearing loss or damage. Listening to your system at loud levels while driving will impair your ability to hear traffic sounds and emergency vehicles. Use common sense when listening to your system.

Serial # \_\_\_\_\_ Model # \_\_\_\_\_

# Panel Controls and Features



## A. POWER STATUS LED

This bi-color LED glows green when power is on and no problems are present. If one of the protection circuits comes on, it will change to red.

## B. PHASE SHIFT

Use this switch to help compensate for time alignment problems in the system. Such problems usually result from having the subwoofer at a different distance from the listener than the other speakers in the system.

## C. AUTO POWER ON

The AUTO POWER ON (ON/OFF) is for high level (speaker-level) connections. When the switch is in the "ON" position, the subwoofer AUTO POWERS ON when there is signal input.

If the amplifier detected no signal input, the amplifier will auto turn off. If you prefer to use the remote turn on/off connection, the switch is in the OFF position.

## D. LOW PASS FILTER

This control permits you define the frequency range you want the subwoofer amplifier to receive. The subwoofer will reproduce all sound BELOW the frequency you set.

## E. BASS BOOST

The BASS BOOST feature will increase the sound level in the bass frequencies.

## F. INPUT GAIN CONTROL

After you have installed your system, turn this control to minimum.

Turn the head unit on (and the subwoofer will turn on via the remote connection). Turn the head unit volume to about 2/3 full level.

Slowly turn up the subwoofer input gain control until you hear a small amount of distortion. Then reduce the level until the distortion is completely gone. Level the control at this setting.

## G. REMOTE LEVEL CONTROL PORT

Attach the included remote level control to control the volume level of the subwoofer independently.

## H. HIGH LEVEL (speaker level) INPUTS

If your head unit does not have RCA outputs you can use the speaker outputs for the audio source for the subwoofer. Use the supplied cable and wire harness and connect the outputs properly as shown in the connection diagram in this manual.

## I. LOW LEVEL RCA INPUTS

If RCA outputs are present on your head unit low level inputs are the recommended way to introduce the audio signal into your subwoofer.

## J. FUSE

Do not use a fuse with different value other than the original value.

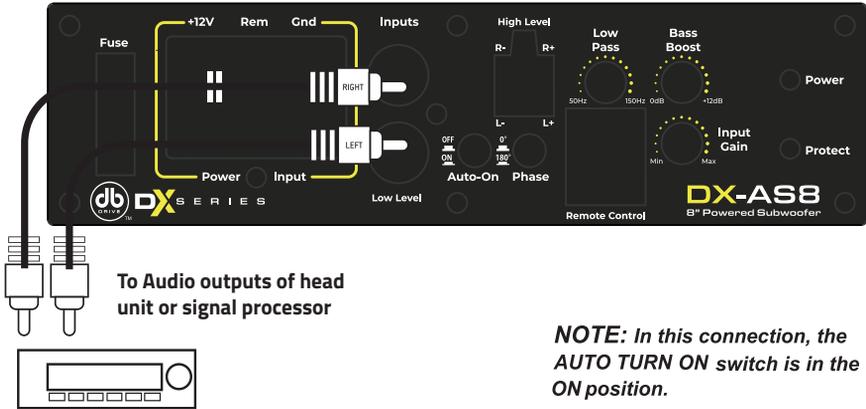
## K. POWER INPUT TERMINAL

## I. Low Level Input Wiring

Low-level (RCA) input wiring is preferred for best audio performance. Most trunk or hatchback installations will require a 15-20 foot RCA cable, while pickup trucks and under-seat installations will require a 6-12 foot RCA cable. Always use a high quality cable.

**NOTE: Do not connect BOTH the high level and low level inputs from your receiver to your amplifier at the same time!**

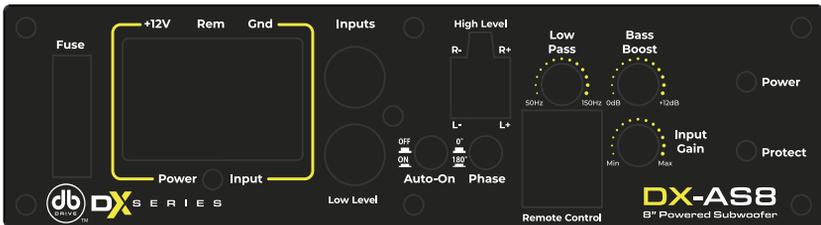
Fig.1



## H. High Level Input Wiring

The high level input(s) should only be used when your receiver lacks RCA outputs. If the RCA outputs are not present, connect the speaker outputs from the receiver to the high level input connector of the amplifier. Be sure to observe polarity to avoid audio phase problems.

**NOTE: Do not connect BOTH the high level and low level inputs from your receiver to your amplifier at the same time!**



R- GREY/BLACK  
L- WHITE/BLACK

GREY R+  
WHITE L+

**To Speaker Terminals of head unit**

# Power Connections

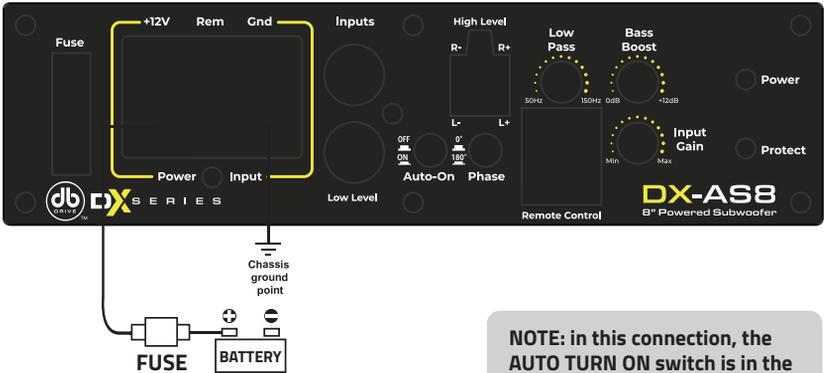
Connect the ground terminal to the closest point on the chassis of the vehicle. Keep this ground wire to less than 39" (100cm) in length. Use 8 gauge (or heavier) wire.

Connect the remote terminal to the remote output of the head unit using 16 gauge (or heavier) wire.

Connect any empty fuse holder within 18" (45cm) of the car battery, and run 8 gauge (or heavier) cable from this fuse to the amplifier location.

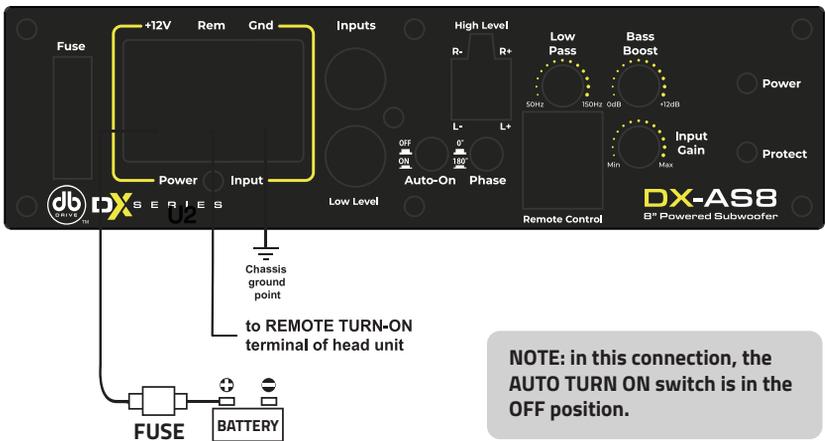
Then connect the fuse holder to the "BATT+" (+12V) connection on the subwoofer rear panel.

Fig.3



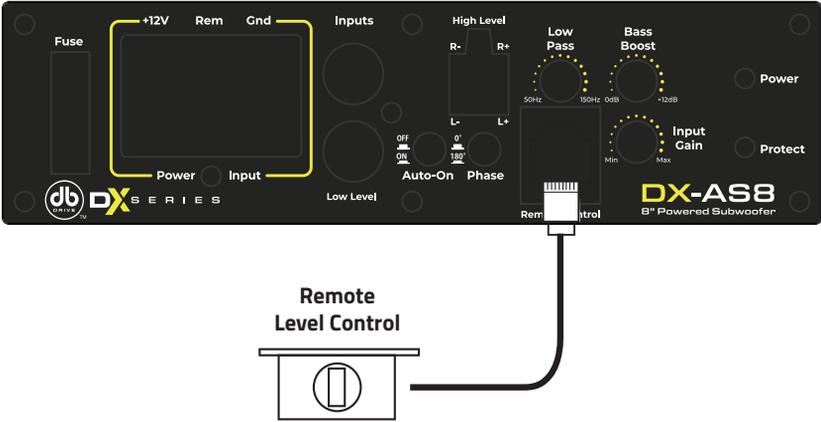
**NOTE:** in this connection, the AUTO TURN ON switch is in the ON position.

Fig.4



**NOTE:** in this connection, the AUTO TURN ON switch is in the OFF position.

# Remote Level Control Connection



Install the remote control securely under the dash or in a similar location where using it will not distract the driver.

# Specifications

MODEL:	DX-AS8
RMS Power	150W
THD	<0.5%
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	>90dB
Frequency Response	20Hz - 150Hz
Input Sensitivity, High Level	1V - 18V
Input Sensitivity, Low Level	300Mv - 8.6V
Low Pass Filter	50Hz - 150Hz
Bass Boost	0dB - 12dB
Subsonic Filter	20HZ
Fuse Rating	20A
Subwoofer	8", 4 ohm
Dimensional (L x W x H) in./mm	10.63" (270mm) x 3.09" (78.6mm) x 7.87" (200mm)

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## Troubleshooting

If you experience operation or performance problems with this product, compare your installation with the electrical wiring diagram on the previous pages. If the problem persists, read the following troubleshooting tips which may help eliminate the problems.

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE REMEDY
<b>Products will not power up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Check to make sure you have a good ground connection.</li><li>▪ Check that the Remote input (Turn-On) has at least 5VDC.</li><li>▪ Check that there is battery power on the (+) terminal.</li><li>▪ Check that there is at least 12v.</li><li>▪ Check all fuses, replace if necessary.</li><li>▪ Make sure that the protection LED is not illuminated. If it is lit, shut off the amplifier briefly, and then repower it.</li></ul>
<b>protection LED comes on when amplifier is powered up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Check for short circuits on speaker leads.</li><li>▪ Turn down the volume control on the head unit to prevent over-driving.</li><li>▪ Check that there is good air circulation around the amp.</li></ul>
<b>No Output</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Check that all fuses are OK.</li><li>▪ Check that unit is properly grounded.</li><li>▪ Check that the Remote input (Turn-On) has at least 5VDC</li><li>▪ Check that the RCA Audio cables are plugged into the proper inputs.</li><li>▪ Check all speaker wiring.</li></ul>
<b>Low Output</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Reset the Level Control.</li><li>▪ Check the Crossover Control settings.</li></ul>
<b>Distorted sound</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Check that Input Level Control is set to match the signal level of the head unit. Always try to set the Input Level as low as possible.</li><li>▪ Check that all crossover frequencies are properly set.</li><li>▪ Check for short circuits on the speaker leads.</li></ul>
<b>Amplifier gets very hot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Check that the minimum speaker impedance for the amp model is correct.</li><li>▪ Check that there is good air circulation around the amp. In some applications, it may be necessary to add an external cooling fan.</li></ul>



## LIMITED WARRANTY

DB Drive™ warrants any products purchased in the U.S.A. from an authorized DB Drive™ dealer.

All products are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of one (1) year when purchased over the counter. This warranty applies to the original purchase only.

DB Drive™ will either repair or replace (as its option) any unit that had been found to be defective and under warranty provided the defect occurs within the one (1) year warranty period.

DB Drive™ products installed by an authorized DB Drive™ dealer will receive (2) years of warranty.

This limited warranty extends to units having been subjected to misuse, abuse, neglect, or accident. In DB Drive™'s judgment, products that show evidence of having been altered, modified, or serviced without DB Drive™'s authorization, will be ineligible under this warranty.

To obtain warranty services please contact your retailer or visit our website at [www.dbdrive.net](http://www.dbdrive.net) for more details.



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